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L. K. ROURKE TALKS

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ON "EFFICIENCY"

Addressed Class in Muncipal Government on This Topic

GRADUATES NEED PRACTICAL WORK

As Commissioner of Public Works in Boston He has Made Many Reforms

Yesterday morning, Mr. L. K. Rourke addressed the class in Municipal Government on "Efficiency". During the course of his talk, Mr. Rourke also gave some inte esting side-lights on the technical graduate in practice.

Mr. Rourke's first job was on the B. & M

pumping a handcar at \$1.45 per day. A year at this work gave him more experience than did four years at the Insti-tute. He learned to understand the class of men whom he would be called upon to handle. He laid great importance on understanding and handling men both over and under one's particular position. When a student leaves college, he knows little about dealing with men and that is why so many business men refuse to seriously consider college graduates. When he first took charge of the Cule-

bra Cut, stated the speaker, he divided the district up into six zones over each of which he placed a competant man at a salary of \$350. per month. Of the six men so appointed, only one was a professional engineer, the others being simply practical experienced men. This was due, not to a lack of engineers, but the engineers' la k of executive ability.

Mr. Rourke said that it was a surprise

engineers' la k of executive ability.

Mr. Rourke said that it was a surprise to him to be offered his present position in Boston, for he did not know that the position had been taken out of politics. When he took the position, vacated by a former Tech graduate, he reorganized the various city departments, concentrating them into one called the Public Works Department. This was subdivided into three divisions;—underground work, including sewers, water mains etc; overground work such as street cleaning and lighting, and road repairing; and finally, the division of bridges and ferries, the latter being in charge of a Tech man.

When Mr. O'Rourke first took charge, he found Tech men in the employ of the city for years who received \$3.50 per day.

city for years who received \$3.50 per day. "Let me tell you", he said, "a Tech man who after years of experience gets such small wages is no good as an engineer."
On closer inquiry he found that some of these Tech men were tied down to their positions through family or other ties and now the Superintendent is trying to adjust this state of affairs.

The speaker declared that too many doctors and lawyers are placed in charge of jobs that call for competent engineers

of jobs that call for competent engineers but all engineers don't possess executive ability. Many a good bricklayer has been spoiled to make a poor engineer.

Mr. O'Rourke has put the engineering department on a civil service basis and has thereby derived greater efficiency from it. The speaker also said that he forces of the page ioning of men who have from it. The speaker also said that he favored the pensioning of men who have reached the age of sixty five years and who have faithfully served the city for twenty five years precious.

At present, there are over 4000 men

in the employ of the Public Works Department of whom 1000 are about sixty five years old. These men, however, through various reasons, cannot be discharged that the only way is to let them die off and gradually replace them with a more efficient body of men.

The student senate at Iowa has recommended that dancing shall not be recognized as a college amusement.

TECHNOLOGY BATTALION MAY TECH SHOW RUNS

BE CALLED TO THE FRONT

LATEST FROM WASHINGTON

No Official Verification of Rumor Has Yet Been Obtained in Capital.

(Special from our Washington Correspondent.)

Washington, D. C. Mar. 9.—Advices have been received here to the effect that a greater call for troops for a great mobliization on the Mexican frontier may shortly be issued. Although more than 20,000 men are now on the way to the frontier, it is thought that even more troops will be sent. In fact I learn, that there is possibility of a call for the M. I. T. Battalion to form a component part of this mobilizing army. Capt. Bookmiller refused to be inter-

Capt. Bookmiller refused to be interviewed regarding the matter, but it is thought that owing to the fact that the battalion hop is scheduled for Friday night of this week, no action will be take by the War Department at once. In the meantime however, great anxiety is being felt among the members of the freshman class at the Institute that they may be called to the front may be called to the front.

Major Golden of the battalion firmly asserts that there will be no call to arms, and Adjutant Priest is of the same opinion. However it was noted at the ast drill that extra time was spent in war maneuvers, which may indicate a speedy departure of our brave battalion. Ball cartridges are being supplied to

the troops now leaving or preparing to leave for the Mexican frontier. The "powers that be" here in Washington, are anxious to have the Tech troops rushed to the front since their worth as soldiers it everywhere recognized.

Whether or not this concentration of

Whether or not this concentration of one fourth of the standing army of the United States along the Mexican border and the movement of a part of the navy southward along seacoasts, merely is an extensive maneuver, many people here in Washington familiar with political conditions in Mexico regard the action of the United States at this particular time as likely to have an improtant bearing on future events in Mexico. Washington society is also looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the possible passage of the Tech battalion through the Nation's capitol, as much has been heard here of the battalion's prowess.

Rumors are rife here concerning the issuance of a call for the Institute battal-ion, but no official verification can be obtained. Pres. Taft refuses to say anything, and Secretary Philander Knox, of the War Department also refused to be interviewed. New developments are looked for at any time.

MUSICAL CLUB PLANS

FOR SPRING CONCERTS

Western Trip next Agitation for Winter

Yesterday afternoon the managers of the Musical Clubs called a joint meeting in the Union at which plans for the rest of the season were announced.

The clubs will be present on April tenth, in Symphony Hall at the Technology Anniversary Celebration. There, the a-

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IN FILL BLAST

Great Mobilization of United States Men are Working Like Professional Troops on Mexican Border Thespians

POSTER PROOFS OUT

Will Be Ready in Two Weeks-Best Ever.

Show rehearsals have continued this week one having been held Wednesday, and one yesterday afternoon for principals only. Two others are coming to-day and to-morrow for both cast and chorus. Unfortunately, Coach Eugene Sanger was forced to be absent from rehearsal Wednesday, but he was present yesterday, and was the life of the whole meeting. To see him change from the English butler to the heroine, and then from the excitable French chauffeur to the dashing Dick Wells gives a very food idea of his versatility as a coach. satility as a coach.

The men are all a little timid yet, and lack the strong voices that would seem natural in a group of released college men but then, it is difficult to try to read a part from a typewritten sheet, held in one hand, gesticulate with the other, and give the proper expression with the remaining parts of the body that may be available. Besides, it is hard to differentiate between up and down stage in the upstairs room in the Union and it is still harder to tell which entrance is which when they all are alike, in that they each consist in but an open space between chairs or some other similar pieces fo furniture.

Notwithstanding, great progress is being made. The butler now smokes his invisible cigars which he has purloined from his master, with a great gusto; Francois rushes in and grabs at money which is but imaginary and which he claims is owed him by Watt; and Dick Wells reads newspaper articles concerning French maids from the sporting page of the Boston American as if they were really before him in print. The men are working hard on their respective parts and the energy which they put into the work recompenses for these slight incon-

The girls in the cast have been developng shy and coy behavior and a demeanor be fitting them when in the presence of so many college boys just let loose. Their interpretations are improving each day and hopes are entertained that these will be the more than the second of the control of the co

will be the most captivating girls ever.

The proof of this year's poster has been returned to the Management and it is promised that these posters, the most attractive in years, will be on sale within two weeks. The show is finally going at full blast and things will continue to hum until the performances in April.

PROOFS OF CLASS DAY
COMM. BALLOTS POSTED

Proofs of the Senior Class Day Com-mittee Ballots have been posted on the

buttetin boards in all the Institute buildings.

Every man who thinks his name should be upon the ballot—which should include the name of every 1911 man who has beight in the control of paid his dues in full inclusive of June, 1910, is asked to inspect these proofs, and if he has been overlooked, to see any of the Class Officers personally or leave a note at the Cage for H. F. Dolliver, the Clerk.

It is imperative that this matter be attended to at once, as the proofs will only remain posted until the first part of next week, after which the ballots will be printed up at once, in order that the election may take place as soon as

MILITARY HOP

HELD TO-NIGHT

Mrs. Bookmiller, Mrs. A. A. Blanchard and Mrs. Lampson, Are Patronesses.

MILITARY INNOVATIONS

Grand March Starts at Eight O'Clock Led by Major Golden.

In the receiving line at to-night's Battalion Hop at the Hotel Tuilleries will be Mrs. E. V. Bookmiller, wife of the military science instructor, Captain Bookmiller; Mrs. A. A. Blanchard, wife of Prof. Blanchard of the Chemical department; and Mrs. A. R. Sampson, mother of Captain R. D. Sampson, of Company D. The Hop will open about eight o'clock with a grand march led by Major Golden. The march is in charge of the Major and Captain Sampson. It is planned to have a guard present arms as the column enters the hall for the march. Besides the rather ornate decorations of the hall, there will be merely a United States flag suspended over the entrance. suspended over the entrance.

Tickets will be on sale to-morrow at

the Union between one and two, and the Major says that they must be obtained then in or derto be admitted to the hall. The great number of men expected makes this necessary to prevent overcrowding.
The committee has decided, as before stated, that flowers are not desired, and they hope that all will heed this request. The uniforms of our Tech soldiers and

those of the pupils of preparatory schools, of whom a number has been invited, promise to make the evening a bright one, and the program arranged promises to make it a success.

G. C. SHEDD, CAPTAIN
OF FRESHMAN TEAM

Cross Country Candidates Elect their Choice at Meeting Yesterday

Yesterday noon the candidates for the Freshman Cross country team met in the Union. Manager Benson of the track team spoke a few words of advice on the chioce of captain, saying that all the work of the season rested upon this man's shoulder as no manager was elected. He concluded by saying, that the practice should be vigorous and that many candidates were necessary for the best choice. Nominations were then in order. By a written ballot, G. C. Shedd was elected by a close margin the third ballot having

by a close margin the third ballot having been tied with Nye twice.

Captain Shedd then urged the men present to enter the first Hare and 12 and 2 and 3 and

race which leaves the gym. at 3.30 on Saturday. It will afford excellent presaturday. It will allore excellent pre-liminary practice and will be fairly short and not too tiring. All Freshman intend-ing to join these candidates are also asked to run with the Hounds.

CALENDAR

1.00—Tech Board Mtg.—Union. 4.15—Gym. Team Pracitee—Gym. 1.00—Hare & Hounds Club Mtg.— Union.

Saturday-Mar. 11. Saturday—Mar. 11.

8.00—Cosmopolitan Club Mtg.—Union
3.00—1913 vs 1914 Basketball—Gym.
3.30—Hare and Hound Club—Gym.
Mon.—Mar 13.

1.00—Tech Board Mtg.—Union.
4.15—Technique Electoral Com. Mtg.

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5.00—Technique Board Mtg.—Union. 4.00—Arch. Soc. Mtg.—42 Pierce.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Albert Cook, formerly professor of English in the University of Californai, now professor of English at Yale, gave \$1,000 as an endowment for an annual prize in poetry of some student in the University of California.



MINSTREL DOPE FOR TO-DAY

CURSES! The Chocolate Soldiers have been temporarily foiled. Some Desperate Desmond is on our trail trying to ruin our production and our reputation, not to mention our cheerful disposition. But, believe me, he will have to reckon with more than one Claude Eclair, before he gets our Rosamond.

The manager of the Chocolate Soldiers came to me with tears in his eyes yesterday afternoon and moaned that a ruffian had attacked our messenger boy when he was on his way from Boston to Technology and had taken from him 500 tickets for Chocolate Soldiers Night, which were to have been put on sale in the Union yesterday noon. We have obtained from the afrighted messenger boy a description of the villian sufficiently accurate for us to spot the man, and we wish to publicly warn him that when he tries to get his 499 friends into Huntington Hall on the evening of the 17th he will be immediately put into chains.

Kind readers, we really were sorry to disappoint you on those tickets yesterday. The crowd which waited for them in the Union and the fact that one was so anxious that he went out to meet the tickets half-way and got away with the bunch furnish abundant evidence of the worth of these little cardboards. We immediately telegraphed the printer to throw all his other work off the present throw all his other work off the presses and send us another order of Chocolate Soldier tickets at once. These will positively be on sale in the Union, at twenty-five cents per, during the noon hour to-day. The Governor's staff has agreed to act as a body-guard for the messenger when he dribbles up Boylston

And one more thing! (According to Arlo that "and" is entirely improper used thusly, but be that as it may,—one more thing). Some irresponsible, abusive, defamer has been heard to say in the sacred precincts of the Union, that the Chocolate Soldiers reduced the admission price to twenty-five cents because they know there was little demand for tickets. We've tried to tell you in enough different and the same programme is and ays how good our performance is and ways how good our performance is and that we know everyone will break their necks to get a look-in. You ought to be sure of that now. Do you know why we secured Huntington Hall? Because in three days last week, 214 men, by actually count, made early application to Charlie for tickets and as many more thermost the office of The Tech in an to Charlie for tickets and as many more stormed the office of *The Tech* in an attempt to bribe the editors into securing them seats for the big event. In Huntington Hall the seating capacity is limited to only 1000. So we moved and so we reduced the price, out of the mere tender-hearted kindness of our souls, in order that every last grind(who after all migth wish to reform) could have a chance to see our one best production. see our one best production.

see our one best production.

The most welcome news I have saved till the end. THE LADIES ARE TO BE WELCOME FOR CHOCOLATE SOLD-IER NIGHT. Now will you come? The first real Ladies' Night at Tech for yeahs and yeahs. Aunts, mothers, sisters, cousins, cooks, sweethearts,—all are welcome. You may not be particularly fond of your aunt or your cook. If so, leave them at home. But you will want to bring her. So get your tickets

If so, leave them at home. But you will want to bring her. So get your tickets and tell her to save the date.

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"The Electrical at the Union

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umni will probably start an agitation to have the clubs take a western trip next Christmas. The only thing now lacking is an assurance of enough interest on the part of resident alumni. At the same time, this Boston Celebration is on, there will be big Technology dinners in other cities and it is intended to ask guaranties from these outside groups for next year's trip. No one but the alunmi and members of the clubs will be allowed on the floor of Symphony Hall that night. Pictures of the individual Clubs and

Pictures of the individual Clubs and also the big group were given to those, who had ordered them previously. Each member received six tickets for the Spring Concert to sell for a dollar and half apiece. This year the concert and dance is planned to be even better than ever before. Refreshments will be served in the intermission, and the hall will be elaborately decorated. If this turns out financially successful the season will be closed by a big dinner.

big dinner.

A concert will be held Tuesday night, at which everyone must be present as it is important that everything be in fine shape before playing at the Anniversary Celebration.

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nitina you get a pen-1 mil coupon, 25 of thich secure a handsom ! felt college penman (12x32)—selec-

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On Saturday afternoon at the Gym the second game of the inter-class basket ball series will be played between the Freshman and the Sophomores. The first game of the series was an easy victory for the heavy 1913 team but as it was played between the halves of the Dartmouth game on Washington's Birthday night, it may be that it was not a true comparison of the real ability of the two teams. The Freshmen are promising all kinds of speed for this coming game and they seem to be sure of success. The Sophomores have lost one valuable man from their line-up in "Larry" Hart, who was injured in the first game and will not play any more this season. The game will be started promptly at three o'clock and there will be a 'bachelor' tax of one bit (fifteen cents) on all who enter. The referee for this game will probably be Al Kenrick, 1912. He has officiated a number of times for the Freshman team and has given satisfaction.

1913
McCarthy, I. f.
Muther, (Capt.) r. f.
Murdock, c.
Capen, I. b.
Hudson, r. b.

Tirrell, r. b.
Comber, l. b.
Henderson, c.
Ruoff, (Capt.) r. f.
Ceverly, l. f.



Come early to the Hop to-night.

Too bad the Minstrel tickets have so much trouble getting here.

When the man who spilled the bottle of ink in the drawing room was asked if he was preparing for a bath, he replied, "No, I'm getting ready for the Chocolate Soldiers Show".—A clew, maybe.

Cross country men out to-day for the Hare and Hounds meeting.

Did the soldiers notice at drill Wednesday the Major's golden shoes?

Much music in the Union last night.

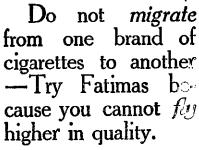
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NOTICE

The N. E. Hardware Dealers' Association has invited members of the Instruct-ing Staff and the students to their exhibition to be held in the Mechanics Building on March 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, admission to be by ticket only.

Tickets may be obtained at the Secretary's Office if applied for not later than March 17th.

A. L. Merrill, Secretary.

CALENDAR

Tues.—Mar. 14.

1.30—Union Com. Mtg.—Dean's Office.
4.15—Gym. Team Practice—Gym. 6.30—M. E. Soc. Dinner—Boston City Club.

-- Musical Clubs Concert-Dorches-

Wed.---Mar. 15. 4.15—Gym. Team Practice—Gym.

Thurs.—Mar. 16 5.00—Technique Board Mtg.—Union. 4.30—Orchestra Rehearsal.—Union.

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